

amazing confessions of life with top girl band the normal one



EMMA BUNTON has revealed how she was the only Spice Girl to avoid eating disorders or depression.

The pretty blonde – nicknamed Baby Spice for her innocent, girly looks – is still amazed that she survived the pressures of fame which the rest of her bandmates struggled with.

Emma, who is currently starring in BBC's Strictly Come Dancing, believes she had a lucky escape.

While Posh, Scary, Sporty and Ginger succumbed to either weight-loss worries or depression, Baby came through unscathed.

When asked how she did it, she wonders: "Honestly? I don't know. I really f***ing don't know." During the height of their fame, Emma remembers there was huge pressure to slim down.

"Towards the end of the tour of America, I started thinking about it a bit more," she admits. "Because I've always been curvy. And it was just going through that point of learning to love it and use it well."

Skimpy

The other Spice Girls, however, were not so lucky and Emma saw some of them shrink before her eyes.

Geri Halliwell, 34, and Victoria Beckham, 32, have admitted their obsession to trim down during the Spice's heyday drove them to live on Slimfast shakes.

Mel C – real name Melanie Chisholm, 32 – dropped down to 8st 7lb after getting hooked on two-hour gym sessions. She also suffered clinical depression.

And Mel B – real name Mel Brown – was depressed after splitting from her husband Jimmy Gulzar. "Victoria is naturally thin – that's the way she is," says Emma. "I did tell Geri at one point that I thought she was getting too thin."

"Mel B's got the best body in the world, but Mel C went through a worrying stage."

Emma is still happy to flaunt her fabulous figure in some very skimpy outfits every Saturday night on SCD. And the pretty blonde has revealed she's not always such a nice Spice any more.

The 30-year-old has two tattoos – and even uses the F-word. And despite forming a great relationship with her partner Darren Bennett, 29, she admits that he gets on her wick.

"I love my dancer, right, but God – he talks so much! I just want to strangle him."

Get those claws out, Baby!

As for the tattoos, there's "Baby" etched on her hip and a Chinese symbol meaning "Jade" a tribute to her boyfriend of six years, Jade Jones, 25.

Perhaps it's her down-to-earth upbringing in Barnet, north London, or maybe it's her stable relationship with Jade, but Emma has managed to keep her feet on the ground. Victoria

EXCLUSIVE By Kate Jackson

Beckham became a worldwide megastar. Mel B toyed with being a lesbian and is now dating movie star Eddie Murphy, 45. Mel C was dropped from her record label and Geri Halliwell became a single mum.

But Emma's life just kept plodding on. And even though she sold more than 53 million records with the Spice Girls, Emma says she has never been able to splash out in the shops.

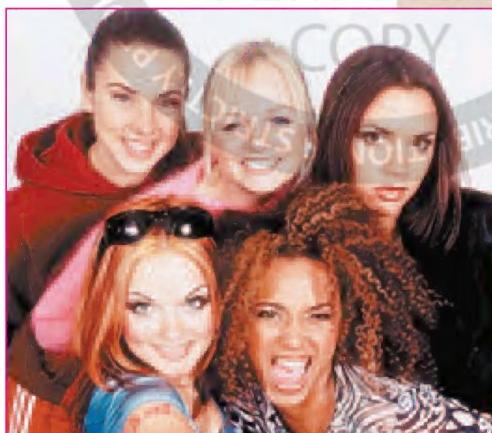
"Even now, the most I've ever spent in a shop at one time is about £300," she admits. "Not quite Elton! I've never been able to forget what I learned about being careful with money when I was growing up."

As for what's next, Emma's new album *Life In Mono* is out a week on Monday. She's also considering writing and starring in a sitcom.

Life is looking good for Baby Spice. And judging by these pictures, she's thriving on it.

"Oh yeah, that's how I've grown up," she giggles. "I've become saucy."

• *Strictly Come Dancing* is on BBC1 at 6.05pm and 9.35pm tonight.



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TV GUIDE
BBC One

- 6.00 Breakfast** (W) (S) 7890699
10.00 Saturday Kitchen (S) 40019
11.30 Rachel's Favourite Food At Home Stylish recipes. (W) (S) 1583
12.00 BBC News Including local news and weather. (W) (S) 2689903
12.10 Football Focus (S) 1016496
1.00 Grandstand Introduced by Jill Douglas. (W) (S) 84271458 **1.05**
 MotoGP: A review of the memorable MotoGP season. 5436903 **2.10** Live International Rugby Union: Scotland v Australia: (Kick-off 2.30pm). The autumn international at Murrayfield, where the hosts are looking to cap an excellent year by claiming their first victory over the Wallabies since 1982. Digital viewers can access the afternoon's football scores on the interactive service from 2.30. Times may vary. 25261212
4.30 Final Score Ray Stubbs presents the afternoon's results from the Premiership, Football League and Scottish Premier League. Digital viewers can access extended coverage on the interactive service. (W) 6535361
5.15 My Family Susan decides to turn detective after one of Ben's patients confesses to a murder while under anaesthetic. Zoe Wanamaker stars. (R) (W) (S) 598106
5.45 BBC News, (W) S Local News, Weather 344903

BBC Two

- 6.00 CBeebies: Me Too!** (R) (S) 3129496 **6.20** Bob The Builder (R) (S) 6050767 **6.30** Big Cook Little Cook (R) (S) 4889309 **6.50** Bob's Mini Projects (R) (W) (S) 9758038
7.00 CBBC: Batline (R) (W) (S) 2873187 **7.10** Astro Boy (W) (S) 5470038 **7.30** Dennis The Menace (AD) (R) (W) (S) 4102903 **7.55** BB3B (R) (W) (S) 2553800 **8.15** Legend Of The Dragon (R) (S) 2838922 **8.40** What's New Scooby-Doo? (R) (W) (S) 1422748 **9.00** TMI (S) 49921038 **11.45** Sportsround (W) (S) 4794922
12.00 See Hear (SL) (W) (S) 7466922
12.45 The Flying Gardener (R) (W) (S) 3734699
1.05 Film: 2006 With Jonathan Ross (R) (W) (S) 23473309
1.35 Star Trek (R) (S) 3173309
2.25 Star Trek: The Next Generation (R,S) 3239980
3.10 Star Trek: The Next Generation (R,S) 2927011
3.55 Monk Disher escorts Natalie to her brother's wedding but someone tries to run him over. (S) 5952545
4.35 What The Papers Say The week's stories. (W) (S) 2816106
4.45 Live International Rugby Union Wales v New Zealand (Kick-off 5.00pm). Viewers can see continued match analysis, interviews and reaction until 7.30pm on the interactive service. (W) (S) 71910125

ITV1

- 5.30 ITV News** (S) 36293
6.00 GMTV 8585038
9.25 CITV: SpongeBob SquarePants (R) (W) (S) 7782361
9.40 The Amazing Adrenalin Brothers (AD) (W) (S) 7960458 **9.50** Horrid Henry (R) (W) (S) 7982670
10.00 Shuriken School (W) (S) 37309
10.30 Drake & Josh (R) (W) (S) 51854 **11.00** Skyland (W) (S) 5922
11.30 The New Adventures Of Superman (R,S) 88564
12.30 ITV News (S) 60624651
12.40 Local News (S) 23905583
12.45 FILM: The Prime Of Miss Jean Brodie 1969 (15) Maggie Smith is superb in this drama, giving an Oscar-winning performance as a teacher at a Thirties girls' school, who attempts to impose her views on the pupils. (W) (S) 8181476
2.50 FILM: Agatha Christie's Murder In Three Acts 1986 (PG) Belgian detective Hercule Poirot applies his formidable deductive skills to investigating the baffling death of a fellow guest at a high-class cocktail party in Acapulco. (S) 96230816
4.40 Local News (S) 7433496
4.55 ITV News And Sport, (S) Weather 2814748
5.10 All New You've Been Framed! (W) (S) 8015922
5.40 Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? (W) (S) 500564

Channel 4

- 6.10 The Hoobs** (AD) (R,S) 3021800
6.35 The Hoobs (AD) (R,S) 3234187 **7.00** FIA GT Championship 63212 **7.30** Freesports On 4 59019 **8.00** The Morning Line (S) 3350212
8.55 T4: Futurama (R,S) 5240125
9.20 T4: Chancers 2006 (R,S) 8391651
10.30 T4: Popworld (S) 26835
11.30 T4: Friends (AD) (R,S) 4293
12.00 T4: Friends Monica plans an evening out to celebrate her engagement to Chandler but ends up accusing Rachel of trying to steal her thunder by kissing Ross. (R,S) 40748
12.30 T4: Pink: T4 Icon The singer chats and performs. (R,S) 72835
1.00 T4: Charmed Piper and Phoebe devise a plan to recover Leo, while Paige rescues her protégé from two Darklighters. Billie is forced to make a decision. (R) 60090
2.00 Channel 4 Racing From Newbury And Newcastle Including the 2.40 Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup Chase (H'cap) (3m 2 1/2). (S) 7496
4.00 FILM: Revenge Of The Pink Panther 1978 (U) Peter Sellers returns to his best-loved role – that of bumbling Inspector Clouseau, who here tracks down a corrupt industrialist. Comedy. (S) 66583187
5.55 Channel 4 News (S) 655496

Five

- 6.00 Sunrise** 5570869
6.55 Milkshake! Harry And His Bucket Full Of Dinosaurs (R,S) 75389197 **7.10** Harry And His Bucket Full Of Dinosaurs (R,S) 6526545
7.25 Old Bear Stories (R,S) 2645106
7.35 Rupert Bear (R,S) 5154903 **7.50** Make Way For Noddy (R,S) 9514106
8.00 Franklin (R,S) 5726212 **8.35** Gerald McBoing Boing (R,S) 9946380
9.05 Shake! Jane And The Dragon (S) 2036729 **9.35** Blue Water High (R) (SL) (S) 6623361
10.05 Hercules: The Legendary Journeys (S) 5459947 **11.05** Harry And Cosh (R,S) 81666106
11.35 FILM: Columbus: A Matter Of Honor 1976 (PG) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Ricardo Montalban. (S) 6412830
1.05 FILM: Columbus: Murder By The Book 1971 (PG) Detective drama, directed by Steven Spielberg, starring Peter Falk. (S) 37018564
2.40 Make Me A Supermodel: The Best Bits (S) 43729458
3.45 FILM: The Christmas Takeover 1998 (U) Comedy drama, with Harry Hamlin. 7157800
5.30 FILM: The Spy Who Came In From The Cold 1966 (PG) Richard Burton stars in this thriller as a burn-out spy who fakes his resignation in an attempt to infiltrate the KGB. (b/w) 78846274

7.25 five news And Ashes Special Report Round-up of the day's headlines, presented by Helen Fospero. Plus, news from the Ashes. (S) 20775564

7.45 NCIS The team investigate the death of a fellow sailor who was found washed up on shore with the bodies of two drug runners. Gibbs is sure the sailor was not a crook, but the case exposes a trail of dodgy dealings. Crime drama, guest starring Lost's Emilie de Ravin, with Mark Harmon. (R) 1613699

8.40 NCIS The team investigate a strange lead involving a role-playing game which they believe may have caused the death of a seaman found at the bottom of the sea. Discovering he was a compulsive player, they try to find out how far he would go to get revenge on his arch-enemy, another sailor. (R,S) 1853039

9.35 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Grissom and Nick are called in to investigate when three teenage rappers are found shot dead in the middle of a street, and it soon appears hip-hop gang warfare may be to blame. (AD) (R,S) 1415038

10.35 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A serial rapist represents himself in court and is released on bail, despite his first victim picking him out during an identity parade. Benson and Stabler refuse to give up the chase, but the criminal strikes again, and this time the result is murder. Fred Savage guest stars alongside Christopher Meloni and Mariska Hargitay. 7905748

11.35 FILM: Conan The Destroyer 1984 (15) Arnold Schwarzenegger reprises his role as the sword-wielding warrior, embarking on a quest to find a magic key. Violent fantasy, with Grace Jones. (S) 5444019

1.30 The Great Big Quiz Interactive quiz show. 29873222
5.35-6.00 Wildlife SOS (R,S) 93135539

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1.10 Film: Internal Affairs 46979688 **3.00** Film: Mad Cows 94386046 **4.40** Gumball 3000 55219201 **5.05** KOTV 21958046

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BBC2 Variations WALES: **8.00** On Show 897293 **8.50** The Culture Show 138187 **9.40** Inside Out 248261 **11.10** I've I Got News For You 201854 **11.40** Cricket: The Ashes 656090 **12.20** Film: Carry On Behind 4646539 **1.50** The Witness 9207305 **1.55-2.00** The Witness 1539486

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Channel Island life. 23905583 **4.40** Puffin's Platypus **4.45** Local News 2827212 ITV1 WEST:

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S4C As C4 except: **9.20** Futurama 80405125

9.50 Simpson 7727748 **10.15** All Saints: T4

Special 91212309 **10.45** Charmed 12771800

11.35 Smallville 98924293 **12.25** Film: The Beverly Hillbillies 98544361 **4.00** Simpsons 85863090 **4.25** Yr Arthem 98660477 **4.30** Y

Clwb Rybi Rhwngladdi 45007448 **7.00** Y

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JANE O'GORMAN SOLVES YOUR PROBLEMS TODAY AND EVERY DAY

I MESSED IT ALL UP

I MADE a huge mistake and have now lost my partner of 10 years.

She was the love of my life – the one woman who knew me, who understood my particular sexual needs...

I stupidly cheated on her with an S&M devotee I met on the internet site.

Now I'm renting a room in a shabby house with no prospect of ever being allowed home.

My partner says that she wants nothing more to do with me and I'm not to contact her again.

She's going to put the house on the market on January 3, I'll get what I'm entitled to and that'll be the end of us. This is so

Lover has thrown me out

devastating, not only because my partner is a beautiful and intelligent individual.

But also because she's the only person who truly understands my desires.

Basically I enjoy being hurt during sex. Nothing too drastic, you understand, but I get a big thrill out of being slapped, chased and dominated.

I love leather restraints, handcuffs and being pushed to my limits, and my partner has always been wonderful at accommodating me.

She's always known exactly how to deal with me without causing me serious pain.

We've been a brilliant team. But I went and spoilt it all by meeting up with a wild woman from the web who went too far.

She beat me up and covered me in bruises. My partner saw the scars, realised what I'd been up to and threw me out without a backward glance.

Harsh

She always warned me that she'd never put up with being cheated on. But I can't believe that she's being so harsh and unforgiving. She won't allow me to say I'm sorry or give me a second chance.

JANE SAYS: Well, you can't say she didn't warn you. As I understand it, you and your ex-partner had an unwritten contract. She was prepared to indulge your particular sexual needs, but in return you were to stay 100% faithful.

Yet you went behind her back and cheated on her.

I get the impression that your ex-partner is a very strong and determined woman who won't be messed with. It's possible that she never even enjoyed your sex games, but only tolerated them for your sake. Once you betrayed her, she saw no reason to put herself out again.

All you can do is learn your lesson from this episode and make sure that you don't repeat it again in the future.

Cash is all gone

MY boyfriend got a large sum of money from his parents and didn't tell me.

He then squandered the cash on a new car, clothes and a holiday with his pals.

I thought he was up to his eyeballs in debt, but he was spending the £25,000 his parents gave him from the sale of their house.

He was supposed to put it towards a flat for us but now it's all gone and I've not even had a sniff.

His parents (who now live in Cyprus) are furious with him and I still can't believe he could be so stupid and selfish.

JANE SAYS: I suspect your boyfriend may continue to disappoint you time after time.

He's pulling in one direction, while you're pulling in quite another.

If he's capable of concealing £25,000 and then spending the lot like a WAG in a handbag shop then what else is he capable of?

How can you trust him again?

Clearly he's self-centred and immature.

I suspect that you need someone far more sophisticated than this bloke if you're to be truly happy.

HE'S SO COLD



JANE'S ADVICE LINES

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Great Sex For Him

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I Want Bigger Boobs

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Sizzling Sex

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Stop The Split

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We Argue all the Time

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My Sex Life Is Boring

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Female orgasm

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Finding the Perfect Partner

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Great Sex For Her

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I'm so lonely

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Loving for the first time

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Partner Affair

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Having sex after baby

HE PUNCHED ME

THE other night I got home from the shops and my boyfriend punched me straight in the face.

He was angry because I was late and there was nothing for him to eat.

I'm still reeling. Firstly, because, in the six years we've been together he's never even raised his voice to me, let alone his fist. Secondly because he's now sunk into a deep depression and says that he'll kill himself if I leave.

JANE SAYS: Every week women are killed by violent partners and sadly I fear

that this could be the start of a downward spiral of misery and domestic violence for you.

I urge you to get out before your boyfriend seriously hurts you.

Hitting a partner is never acceptable and you can't put up with it.

If he has mental problems, then he needs to see his GP.

Suggest to his family that they help him while you secure a safe place to stay.

Call the National Domestic Violence Helpline (0808 2000 247) if you have no-one to help you.

Write to JUST JANE, Daily Star, 10 Lower Thames Street, London EC3R 6EN or email jane.gorman@dailystar.co.uk

THE JUMBO PUZZLE



TEST your brains with our tantalising Pub Quiz, compiled by HUGH ASH. But beware – one of the 20 teasers is a trick question. Answers on Monday.

1 WHEN superstar Tom Cruise wed Katie Holmes in a Scientology ceremony last weekend, what did he have to promise to give his bride?

a) \$10million; b) A spacesuit; c) A cat

2 WHO rules the roost in a plutocracy?

a) The rich; b) The church; c) The military

3 WHICH dedicated follower of fashion brought a designer dress for £25 from Oxfam and sparked an avalanche of charity-shop buying?

a) Kate Moss; b) Victoria Beckham; c) Madonna

4 WHAT flavour is peach melba sauce?

a) Chocolate; b) Strawberry; c) Raspberry

5 WHAT is a gingko?

a) Tree; b) Lizard; c) Ox-drawn cart

6 WHICH musical instrument has frets?

a) Clarinet; b) Harp; c) Guitar

7 HOW many eyes can be seen in a pack of playing cards?

a) 24; b) 42; c) 48

8 WHICH is known as the Blue Planet?

a) Mercury; b) Uranus; c) Neptune

9 WHAT nationality is the United Nations' Secretary General-elect, Ban Ki-Moon?

a) Chinese; b) South Korean; c) Japanese

10 WHAT is veteran MP Dennis Skinner's colourful nickname?

a) Beast of Bolsover; b) Ogre of Orpington; c) Dracula of Dundee

11 QUEEN Victoria took the throne following the death of which monarch?

a) George IV; b) Edward IV; c) William IV

12 WHAT part of the body is affected by the disease rhinitis?

a) Skin; b) Nose; c) Liver



Q3: Was it Madonna?

13 WHAT is the shortest name in the Bible?

a) Az b) Oz; c) Uz

14 WHICH pasta dish's name translates as 'chamber pot'?

a) Cannelloni; b)

Lasagne; c) Tagliatelli

15 TO who or what is the Dickin Medal awarded for bravery?

a) Firefighters; b) Police officers; c) Animals

16 THE letter L in Roman numerals represents what number?

a) 50; b) 500; c) 1000

17 WHICH comic says a facial perception expert has the perfect looks for a funnyman?

a) Ricky Gervais; b) Phillip Jupitus; c) Bernard Manning

18 HOW many dimes are in a US dollar?

a) 4; b) 10; c) 25

19 IN 1965, Charlton Athletic's Keith Peacock became soccer's first what?

a) Red-carded player; b)

Substitute; c) Scorer in a penalty shoot-out

20 WHICH county has the most rats?

a) West Yorkshire; b)

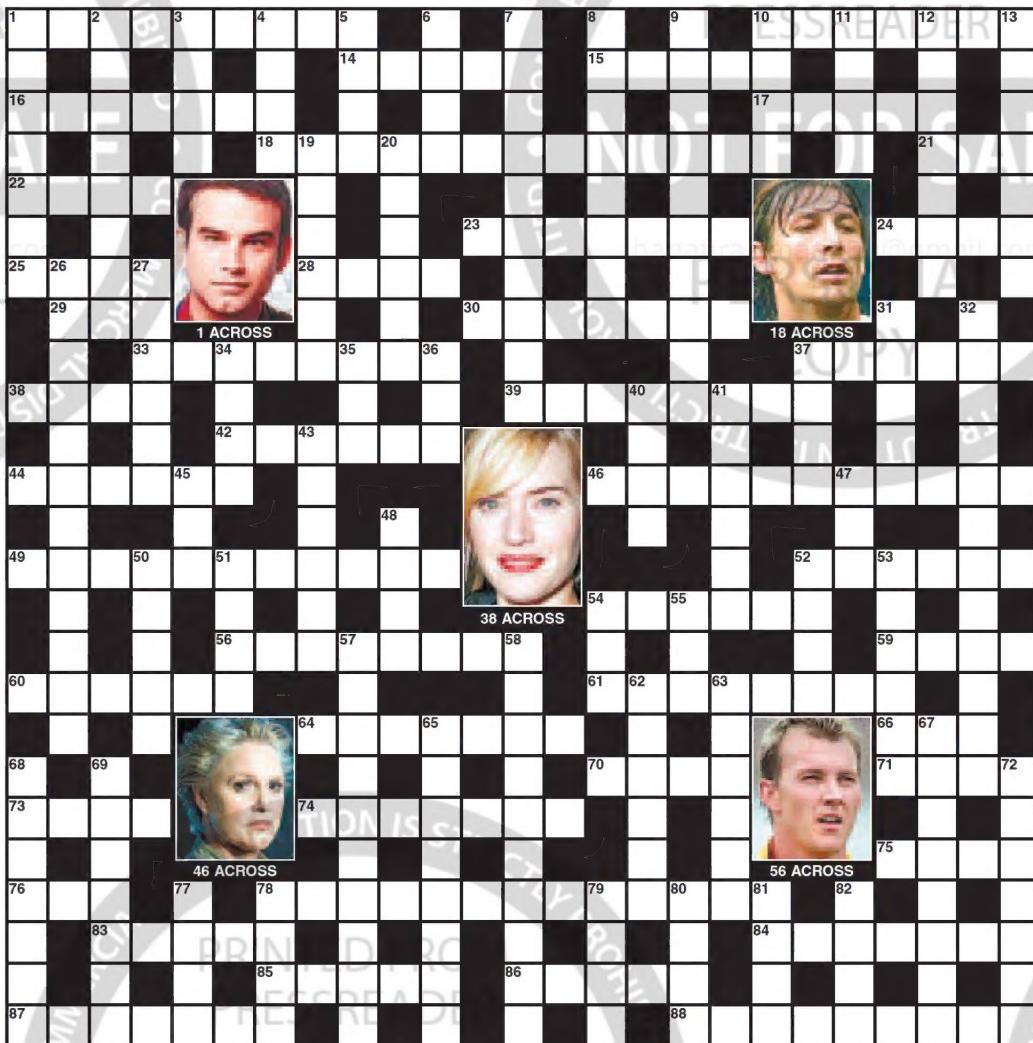
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ACROSS

1 Sean Maddox in Casualty – Saturdays, BBC1 (6,3)

10 Mollycoddles (7)

14 The Ram in the zodiac (5)

15 Raise a smile (5)

16 Middle-Eastern republic with capital at Liverpool (7)

17 and 83 Co-star for Bogart in The Maltese Falcon (5,5)

18 Defender for Manchester United and Argentina (7,6)

21 A sign of the zodiac (3)

22 Evils (4)

23 Facial feature (7)

24 See 4 Down

25 Hut (4)

28 Rotate (4)

29 Classical poem (3)

30 Denounce (7)

33 A zip, for example (8)

37 Dazzling (6)

38 and 69 Down Co-star for DiCaprio in Titanic (4,7)

39 Imperil (8)

42 Lay out money (6)

44 See 71

46 Warner in The State Within – Thursdays, BBC1 (6,5)

49 Newcastle United midfielder (5,6)

52 Like games within a building (6)

54 Large flag (6)

56 Aussie fast bowler (5,3)

59 Eternity (4)

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60 Except on the condition that (6)

61 Fragments of cloth (8)

64 Reckless impulsive persons (7)

66 Estimated Time (of) Arrival (3)

70 Unfasten (4)

71 and 44 Tiresomely drawn out in speech (4-6)

73 Part of one's finger (4)

74 Point of view (7)

75 and 77 Down Flowering plant (4-4)

76 Indian Civil Service (3)

78 Defender for the Gunners (7,6)

83 See 17

84 Heading for a place (7)

85 A hop or ball (5)

86 Shearer, former Hollywood actress (5)

87 Easy cricket catches, for example (7)

88 Ship of the Pilgrim Fathers (9)

DOWN

1 See 62

2 Rose against authority (8)

3 See 36

4 and 24 Famous horror movie of the 1930s (4,4)

5 To plaster (4)

6 Musical starring Leslie Caron (4)

7 Defender for Chelsea FC (6,4)

8 Type of mattress (5,3)

9 Owen Harper in Torchwood – Wednesdays, BBC2 (4,6)

10 Spanish name, alternative for Jose and Joseph (4)

11 See 50

12 A noble status (7)

13 Kinds of beachwear (7)

19 Oz, in other words (6)

20 Rewrite a text (6)

26 Role for David Caruso in CSI Miami – Tuesdays, Five (7,5)

27 Protect (6)

31 Ultimate (5)

32 Manager of Fulham FC (5,7)

34 Snow vehicle (4)

35 Born (3)

36 and 3 Slang for one's throat (3,4)

37 and 47 Type of automatic weapon (4,3)

40 Dull pain (4)

41 European language (6)

43 Stab (6)

45 Ear, Nose (and) Throat (3)

47 See 37 Down

48 Subsequent (4)

50 and 11 Striped insect (5,4)

51 Local bars (4)

52 A metal (4)

53 and 68 Compression-ignition motors (6,7)

54 Show disapproval (3)

55 Gesture of agreement (3)

57 Springy framework for gymnasts (10)

58 Regular work (10)

62 and 1 Down Ethan Biggs in Into The West – Saturdays, BBC2 (6,7)

63 Short-sightedness (6)

65 Held prisoner (8)

67 Next day (8)

68 See 53

69 See 38 Across

72 Ship's engineer (7)

77 See 75 Across

78 Marries (4)

79 Yorkshire river (4)

80 Kind of soil (4)

81 Remain (4)

82 Absent. Without Official Leave (4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Frank Lampard, 7 and 46 Star Dust, 11 Against, 12 Assailant, 13 Smith, 15 Strict, 16 Susanna Reid, 20 Inters, 22 Lupins, 24 Condense, 26 and 14 and 19 Down Hole in the head, 28 Pier, 29 Gretna, 31 Oysters, 32 Answered, 35 Editorial, 37 ACGB, 38 Weeps, 41 Paul McGann, 42 Deena Payne, 44 Mitty, 46 See 7, 47 Lloyd Owen, 52 Shameful, 54

Atheism, 56 Apeman, 58 Urns, 59 Hymn, 60 Bulgaria, 62 Bolero, 63 Dealer, 68 John Nayagam, 70 Toffee, 71 See 45 Down, 73 Stromboli, 74 Emotion, 75 Ally, 76 Desert Orchid. DOWN: 1 Feather, 2 See 18, 3 Kent Riley, 4 Anticipate, 5 Pear, 6 Rescue, 8 Train, 9 Retired, 10 and 23 Micah Richards, 13 Shingle, 14 See 26 Across, 17 Inner, 18 and 2 Andre Agassi, 19 See 59 Eternity (4)

26 Across, 21 Shamrock, 23 See 10, 24 Craig Bellamy, 25 Nose, 27 Lomana Lua Lua, 30 Total, 33 and 57 Eve Myles, 34 Expance, 36 Drawish, 39 Anything, 40 Maryland, 43 Alone, 45 and 71 Across Tom Mison, 48 Non-Iron, 49 Afar, 50 Stool, 51 Benevolent, 52 Sobs, 53 All go, 55 Shop floor, 57 See 33, 61 Amnesia, 64 Ermined, 65 Calms, 66 Cajole, 67 Relish, 69 April, 72 Mire,

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She's not the only one. Topshop's flagship store at London's Oxford Circus boasts other A-listers among its customers, alongside

by SAMANTHA HOWARD

trendy teens and young professionals. It really does cater for everyone.

And here's your chance to bag an entire wardrobe. We've picked out five top looks from Topshop's own brand collection – worth £500 – to give away to one lucky reader. See below for details.

We'll have to wait until the spring to see Kate's range. But it's sure to have shoppers queuing up to bag their very own bit of supermodel style.

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When it comes to female singers why has Wales got 3 biggest slappers: Katherine Jenkins, Charlotte Church, Shirley Bassey. Brian, embarrassed Welshman

emsy: i like a woman who looks after herself, sayin that tho, i mite break her if i got my hands on her! think i'd hand me? **BUFF THE STUFF**

2 yorkieboy: south park is funny but the simpsons rule. **STRUDGAS**

2 Bton Boy: Ben Elton's a genius!

just watch Blackadder or read High Society! **Karen Manc**

2 Kev Bucket: lads usin straightners is so sad. wots worse is

wen they get waxed eyebrows 2. **SKINZ RULE! STE MANC**

Lets hear of all u sexy babes like Sue who like to wear stockings and suspenders. What a turn on! Can't get enough of em! **HORNY GUY**

I agree wiv frankenfurter - sussys r more comfy dan hold ups but thongs rip me 2 shreads. **VOSSY WIGAN**

Frankenfurter: You are so right! Sussy strap any day.. Phil Frodsham

Any of you “texy” ladies out there like wearing thigh length boots?

Big turn on! **Dez**

To headknob lad: not everyone who live in council houses are spongey and we dont expect handouts i work hard for what i've got. **big e**

To LEVEL HEAD LAD Got a job THANKS and 5 kids do not expect government handouts. **THE FAT BLOKE**

To level head lad: lots of people in council houses av jobs muppet. fat bloke is spot on bout cheggers. me

To those morons driving on fog lights in the rain. The clue is in the name: FOG LIGHTS! Get it? TURN THEM OFF! **Rob Stephens**

SO THEY WANT TO RAISE RETIREMENT TO 68! FUNNY, NO ONE ELSE IN EUROPE DOES BUT THEN THEIR GOVERNMENTS LOOK

AFTER THEIR OWN AND NOT EVERY BLOODY LOST CAUSE. **G**

who's the blonde in white, featured in "so cold?" Babe the **dogger**

Stop calling our f***ing marines "private" in your paper. We are royal or marines or bootnecks not f***ing privates! from all royal marines

In reply to moaning mick: i have had many a snack at yours and your wife's cooking is great. **jonny woods,widnes**

Any ideas on how 2 get up in morning? my tiredness has cost me over 200 jobs! **phil worsley, widnes**

As the great man John Lennon said: LOVE IS THE ANSWER. **WALKER-CHILD**

Hey mimi: Glad t about ur life sorted: what about ur poor kid from broken relationship. Ur well wrong! **dave inverness**

Why does my mother ave 2 come out of retirement and av 2 work 6 days a week yet there are the scroungers that get it

all 4 nowt. never vote labour again. **COP**

i cant be the only one who thinks catherine tate isn't funny. Bilko any day. **whitey**

To fenny da lofter: Stop tryin to be a smart ass by ripping scousers. im 18. i passed me test wen was 17 an i bet im a better driver than u! **SCOUSE**

All you ravers that beep squeak music was crap just for your whistles away people it's over. **Goddess**

I cant bleeve the rites for deprived dads. we have none! y do we live by this? I pay £280 a month 2 csa and they treat me like scum and still do. **goof fay alva**

They pay for a heroin addict's fix on the NHS And turn away tobacco smokers for treatment. WHAT A LIBERTY! **SMOKIE**

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Hello dstar!! Eton rd 2 win x factor!! Get rid of ray!! Im keen 2 know WHAT IS NORMAL? I bet that will get u thinking MWAH. **Charlie**

Has any1 else noticed the x factor is like episode of the munsters? Ray is def eddie an if i'm not mistaken louis is grandpa wots goin on? **Kt wales**

THE SCOTS SUPPORT THE McD. BROTHERS BUT NOT NIKKITA. IS IT TOO POLITICALLY INCORRECT

oi, TEXT MANIACS: Wot wuz babs windsor's name wen she was in WORZEL GUMMIDGE? Cup of tea 'n' a slice of cake to 1st right answer. **SAINT KENNY**

How many bar staff does it take to run the ROVERS? its not THAT busy! **DEVAN**

dig up speed bumps not effective enuf 2 warrant em. just wear and tear on tyres wheels brakes clutch suspension etc. hate em. **brett cardiff**

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The Aussie then handed his drink back to the attendant and said: "Me too. I didn't know we had a choice."

ERIC HARRISON,
Coventry.

A WORRIED overweight woman goes to her doctor and says: "This new diet makes me feel very sexy, but I got carried away last night and bit off my partner's ear".

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D.V.L.Perkins,
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COLIN STEAR,
Aberdeen.

I WISH everyone would lay off Simon Cowell on The X Factor. Everything he says is true, he just speaks his mind and knows what he is talking about.

JAYNE TAYLOR,
Glasgow.

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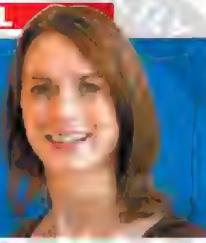
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by Julia Kuttner

SPEEDING along in a bright yellow taxi, I caught a glimpse of the designer department store, Saks, and I swear I could hear it calling my name.

The eight-hour flight from London to New York City had done little to dampen my desire to enjoy some Amex In The City moments.

Plus with the exchange rate so favourable right now, anything I bought was guaranteed to be a bargain.

Fifth Avenue, Manhattan's shopping Mecca, is like London's Bond Street, but here the staff don't look at you like dirt. Instead, they actually help you - even if you're only buying a £3.50 keyring.

With Christmas just a few weeks away, it's the perfect destination to snap up great presents, find the party dress, soak up the sights and enjoy the late nights in the city that never sleeps.

This wasn't my first trip but just like many cities back home a lot can change in just a few months.

Trips

Areas that were once deemed no-go zones, like the Meatpacking district, are flourishing and vibrant.

And apart from shopping and the theatres, Manhattan could easily sell itself as a round-the-clock buffet table. You can walk from Central Park down to the southern tip at Battery Park grazing all the way.

I was planning to shop till my legs gave way, so the extra breakfast muffin or afternoon sushi snack was just the fuel I needed between breakfast, lunch and dinner.

To make the most of every moment I decided to make a plan of action.

New York's skyline has been amazing people since the first skyscraper rose from the pavement more than 60 years ago.

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That of course includes famous landmarks like the Statue of Liberty, Central Park, The Empire State Building and the East and Hudson rivers.

If celebrity spotting is on your agenda, look out for the stars staying in the Soho Grand or living in lofts and eating in the boutiques and bars south of Houston Street and west of Broadway. I bought a day pass for around a fiver to cover subway and bus trips so I was "all set to go" - as they say.

And I picked up a credit card-sized subway and bus map so I could easily find my way around.

If you want a designer tracksuit you'll find one in Barneys, although the H&M store on Fifth Avenue is going mad for Madonna's designer sportswear.

You'll be spoilt for choice if you're hoping to stock up on WAG casual wear.

When Wayne Rooney's fiancée Coleen McLoughlin took her friends on a recent spandathon to NYC it was rumoured store buyers ran low on stock and had to ship in designer handbags and baby pink tracksuit bottoms.

Next stop for me was Bloomingdales, which has got

Crimbo offers practically bursting out of its legendary Little Brown Bags. Massive Macy's at 151 West 34th Street has all the hustle and bustle you'd expect to find in a city.

The local hunter gatherer is always out in force here, and it's normally open until 9pm.

Here consumerism turns into an Olympic sport and the best-trained always seem to come up with the goods.

To win gold I'd advise ditching the fabulous handbag, hiding any signs of being a tourist, put your wallet somewhere safe and just dive in. Foot Locker, down the road from Macy's, has aisles and aisles of the latest trainers, some of which are months ahead of the sports stores in the UK.

Celeb fave Old Navy has a huge store here with jeans and T-shirts over three floors. Snap up jeans, skinny or slouch, from £20.

Fashion bargain bin Century 21 is famous for its knockdown prices and as it's based in the financial district it opens before 8am - so local office workers can nip in to grab an early morning outfit.

Threads

But if you don't enjoy a frenzied fight to save a fortune on your accessories and designer threads, a great out-of-town alternative is a bus trip to Woodbury Common Premium Outlets.

There are over 200 discount stores here and you can snap up designs by Dolce & Gabbana, Gucci and Polo Ralph Lauren. You can book bus trips from Port Authority in New York costing around £20 return.

On my last visit I snapped up a pair of Manolos for under £50, leaving me a wallet full of dollars to splash out on a water taxi ride back to the city.

As I walked down Broadway, loaded down with carrier bags of shiny new purchases, feeling a pang of guilt, I quickly remembered the advice of a shopaholic friend back home: "You can't afford not to buy."

Next time I promise to get to the Statue of Liberty, see a musical on Broadway, visit the John Lennon Tribute in Central Park, and see The Metropolitan Museum Of Art - but it will have to be after the shops close.

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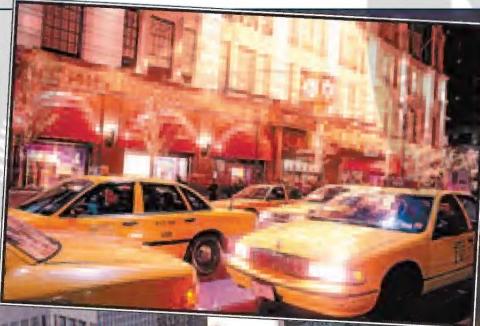
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Edited by
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COOLEST PLACE ON EARTH: New York winter and, above, the iconic yellow taxis

New York Festive Calendar

CHRISTMAS CHEERS (December 18-25): The Big Apple brings out the Yuletide spirit with spectacular activities for all ages. The Buckingham Hotel offers a Christmas Spectacular package complete with a two-night stay in a one-bedroom suite and four tickets to the Radio City Christmas Spectacular from December 17 - 27 (www.buckinghamhotel.com).

Entertainment includes the classic ballet George Balanchine's The Nutcracker at the New York State Theater (www.nycballet.com) and the Holiday Train Show at the New York Botanical Garden (www.nybg.org). Shoppers will delight in the window displays at Bloomingdales (www.bloomingdales.com), Lord & Taylor (www.lordandtaylor.com) and Macy's (www.macy's.com), while try the holiday markets at Bryant Park (www.fetesdenoel.com), Grand Central Terminal (www.grandcentralterminal.com) and Union Square (www.unionsquarenyc.org) for unique gifts.

Where to party on New Year's Eve

ON DECEMBER 31 all eyes will be on Times Square for the official countdown as the Waterford Crystal ball descends before the crowds. For prime viewing, check into New York Marriott Marquis (www.nymarriottmarquis.com) located right in the middle of all the action.

Visitors can also celebrate with a bang at one of the many midnight firework shows which are put on around the city (www.timessquarenyc.org).

Grand Army Plaza in Brooklyn, New York Harbor above the Statue of Liberty and Central Park will all be alight with fantastic fireworks to welcome in the New Year. Or you can enjoy champagne toasts at popular party spots such as BED New York (www.bedny.com), crobar (www.crobar.com), Lotus (www.lotusnewyork.com), Pacha (www.pachanyc.com) and Webster Hall (www.websterhall.com).

SEEING Justin Timberlake in the flesh on his six city UK tour next year is the ultimate pressie for pop fans. The tour hits Sheffield, Newcastle, Glasgow, Birmingham, Manchester and London between April 27 and July 7. Packages with Keith Prowse Tours include show ticket and accommodation in a selection of two to four-star hotels. From £108. For a real treat, Platinum packages including a seat in the front three rows, a pre-show party with food and free bar and limited-edition merchandise, from £273. To book call Keith Prowse Tours on 0870 47 003 or see www.keithprowse.com

AUGUST 2007 is the 30th anniversary of the death of Elvis Presley and there is a week of events in his former home of Memphis, Tennessee. Taking place between August 11-19 it includes dance parties, candlelit vigils, exhibitions and tribute performances.

US operator Bon Voyage is offering seven-night holidays taking in the event from £95 pp. Includes return flights from Gatwick or Manchester, taxes, room-only at the three-

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THERE'S plenty of festive family fun at Pontins. A four-night self-catering stay starting December 23 costs just £74 pp when four share - saving £25 each. Four-night, half-board breaks at Blackpool and Pakelite (Suffolk), prices are from £259 pp. To book call 0870 220 2745 or visit www.pontins.com

SCANDINAVIAN Airlines has launched a new route from Glasgow to Stockholm. From April 16, 2007 one-way fares start from £49 including taxes. To book visit www.fliesas.com or call 0870 60 727 727.

COPLES seeking a stylish Christmas hideaway in glorious surroundings should head for the Lake District. Topiary Cottage is a luxury detached barn conversion in the little village of Ings, two miles from Windermere. Costs £475 for seven nights' rental from December 21, including membership at a private leisure club with indoor pool. To book call 015394 88855 or visit www.lakelovers.co.uk

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DAILY STAR SATURDAY

+++ SPORTS EXTRA +++

I-2-X CHECK

TODAY

(3pm unless stated)

Barclays Premiership

- Bolton v Middlesbrough

- Charlton v Everton (5.15)

- Fulham v Reading (12.45)

- Liverpool v Man City

- West Ham v Shrewsbury

Coca-Cola Championship

- Barnsley v Ipswich

- Burnley v Birmingham

- Colchester v Southend

- Derby v Leicester

- Norwich v Hull

- Plymouth v Leeds

- Preston v Crystal Palace

- QPR v Coventry

- Sheffield United v Cardiff

- Southampton v Luton

- Stoke v West Brom

Coca-Cola League One

- Bradford v Bournemouth

- Carlisle v Port Vale

- Crewe v Chesterfield

- Doncaster v Brighton

- Gillingham v Rotherham

- Huddersfield v Oldham

- Northampton v Leyton Orient

- Notts Forest v Millwall

- Yeovil v Scunthorpe

Coca-Cola League Two

- Boston Utd v Hereford

- Darlington v Milton Keynes Dons

- Grimsby v Accrington Stanley

- Hartlepool v Wycombe

- Peterborough v Torquay

- Rochdale v Mansfield

- Shrewsbury v Chester (12.00)

- Stockport v Macclesfield

- Swindon v Bury

- Walsall v Notts County

- Wrexham v Lincoln City

Nationwide Conference

- Crawley Town v Halifax

- Grays Athletic v Aitcham

- Kidderminster v Stevenage

- Morecambe v Forest Green

- Northwich v Gravesham

- Oxford Utd v Tamworth

- Rushden & Diamonds v Aldershot

- Southport v Nantwich

- Stafford Rangers v St Albans

- Woking v Weymouth

- York v Dag & Red

Bank of Scotland

Scottish Premier League

- Dundee Utd v St Mirren

..... (Match delayed tomorrow)

- Dunfermline v Aberdeen

- Inverness CT v Hearts

- Motherwell v Falkirk

Scottish League

First Division

- Clyde v Queen of South

- Dundee v Airdrie Utd

- Gretna v Partick

- Hamilton v Ross County

- St Johnstone v Livingston

Second Division

- Alloa v Brechin

- Forfar v Stirling

..... (Match delayed)

- Morton v Cowdenbeath

- Peterhead v Ayr

- Raith v Stranraer

Third Division

- Albion v Arbroath

- Dumbarton v Elgin

- East Fife v Montrose

- Queens Park v Stenhousemuir

TOMORROW

Barclays Premiership

- Man Utd v Chelsea (4.00)

- Newcastle v Portsmouth (1.30)

- Tottenham v Wigan

Coca-Cola League One

- Swansea v Bristol City (1.30)

Coca-Cola League Two

- Bristol Rovers v Barnet

Bank of Scotland

Scottish Premier League

- Dundee Utd v St Mirren

- Hibernian v Celtic (2.00)

- Rangers v Kilmarnock

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to lufc19: Batter the blades? U couldn't batter cod stood in a chippy! Even if we come down we'll be above ya cos u r going down too!
Popeye the Blade

2 joanie bawbie: I dont mind giving u a real shite, many a player has u think super Jamie peacock left ur rabbie u've had ur day.
Sweeney Todd efc

To Iloyd: It teks a real man t play a real sport. How many a player d u see duin a 6.0 dive wen ther a yard frm d next player.
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another red talkin c**p, where did u get that city fans from wales? telex7? We're from withershaw & moss side places in mcr unlike ur fans or club. mat mutc

u scousers r gettin boring M thather was PM last time u lot were any good up the chels. dave pimlico cfc

man u are hopeless in cup comps! Arsenal n spurs so much better!
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TODAY
FOOTBALL - Charlton v Everton (Sky Prem Plus, 12.30pm, KO 12.45pm), Bolton v Arsenal (Sky Premium, 5pm, KO 5.15pm), Liverpool v Manchester City (Sky Sports 1, 7.15pm). Football First (Sky Sports 2, 2.25pm).

FOOTBALL - Spain v USA (Sky 2, 8.30pm, Match of the Day (BBC1, 10.20pm)).

CRICKET - Australia v England (SS1, 4am/11.30pm/highlights 6pm & BBC2, 11.30pm).

RUGBY UNION - England v South Africa (SS2, 2pm, KO 2.30pm), Scotland v Australia (BBC1, 2.10pm, KO 2.30pm), Wales v Ireland (BBC2, 4.45pm, KO 5pm), New Zealand (BBC2, 4.45pm).

FOOTBALL - Tri-Nations Series Final (SS2, 8.30am, KO 9am).

ROCKS & RACING - Newbury, featuring the Hennessy Gold Cup, & Newcastle (C4, 2pm).

MOTOR SPORT - A1 Malaysia GP Qualifying (SS1, 6am), Grandstand (BBC1, 1pm).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL - The Championship (TV, 10am), Newcastle v Portsmouth (SS1, 1pm, KO 1.30pm), Hibees v QPR (SS1, 1pm), South Africa v India (SS1, 1pm), Spain v USA (SS2, 1pm), Man United v Chelsea (SS1, 3.30pm, KO 4pm), Spanish La Liga (SS2, 8pm, Match of the Day 2 (BBC2, 10pm)).

RUGBY UNION - Ireland v Pacific Islands (BBC2, 2.30pm, KO 2.45pm), Saracens v Worcester (SS3, 1.30pm, KO 2pm).

CRICKET - Australia v England (SS1, 4am/11.30pm/highlights 8pm & BBC2, 11.10pm), South Africa v India (SS2, 8am/highlights SS1, 10.30pm).

MOTOR SPORT - A1 Malaysian GP (SS3, 6am).

MONDAY

FOOTBALL - Burton Albion v Exeter City (SS1, 7.30pm, KO 7.45pm).

CRICKET - Australia v England (SS1,

OLD BOY JOE'S STILL SMOKIN'



BOXING CLEVER
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SMOKIN' Joe Frazier will lace up his gloves and climb back into the ring once again next week – at the ripe old age of 62.

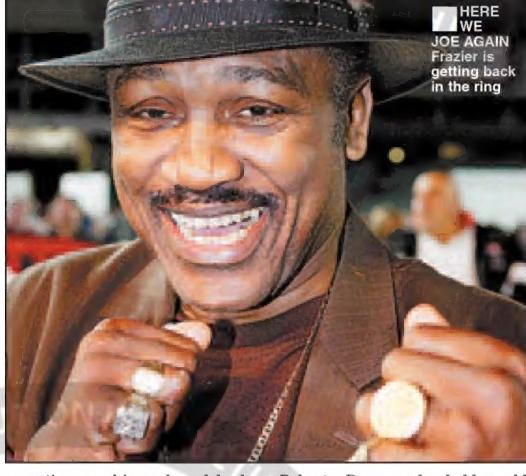
But before you start thinking that the former world heavyweight champion has lost his marbles, let me point out that his bout in Memphis is purely for a good cause. The man who reigned supreme over the boxing world from 1970 to 1973 will face the Mayor of Memphis, Willie W Herenton, 66, himself a former amateur boxer, in a three-round fund-raising exhibition bout.

Tough

Frazier has been training hard at his own gym in a tough part of Philadelphia and he said: "I am doing it for fun but I have trained to make sure I'm not holding back and to make sure I deliver."

"My head is good and my body is good – I can dance, I can walk and I can fight. It don't seem like I'm getting any older. I weigh about 212 pounds, only 10 pounds heavier than I was in my prime."

Boxing, and a car crash in 2003 which left him needing four



operations on his neck and back, have taken their toll on Frazier, whose speech is slurred, mobility limited and balance poor.

He is currently on a British tour which has taken him to Manchester, London, Birmingham and Peterborough in an attempt to rejuvenate his image as one of the all-time great heavyweights.

TALKING about great boxers, who look out for a new book on

Roberto Duran, who held world titles at four different weights and was the only professional to fight in five different decades.

A glorious career that saw him face the likes of Sugar Ray Leonard and win 104 of his 120 fights, 69 by knockout, is recorded in *Hands of Stone* by Christian Giudice, published by Milo Books, price £17.99.

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1 Who is the former Sheffield Wednesday manager recently appointed boss of Swindon?

2 Name the 33-year-old New Zealand-born prop forward, now playing for Perpignan, who won his first England cap against Argentina recently.

3 Who joined Arsenal in 1980 in a £1.25m transfer, stayed only 63 days, and in 1987 was voted BBC Young Player of the Year?

4 Which famous ice hockey player had the nickname 'The Great One'?

5 In 2002, Nathan Hines was the first player sent off playing international rugby union for which country?

ANSWERS: See Page 61

SPORTWORD

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- Zina losing finalist in the ladies' singles final at Wimbledon in 1990 (8)
- 6 and down, Wigan and Eire forward (5)
- Wasim former Lancashire and Pakistan cricketer (6)
- Virginia three-day event world champion in 1981 (4)
- Thomas, Wales and British Lions utility back (6)
- Rovers, Scottish Division Three football club (6)
- Walcott, Arsenal and England forward (4)
- Heskey, Wigan and England striker (5)
- Park, home of Blackburn Rovers (5)
- Park, home of Crystal Palace (8)

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